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AmeriCorps N.C.



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# B E C O M E

one of the thousands of people serving this country through AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is a domestic version of the Peace Corps that engages 75,000 Americans in intensive, results driven service each year. More than 500,000 Americans have served in AmeriCorps since its inception in the early 1990's, with over 5,000 in North Carolina.

## AMERICORPS IS A NATIONAL MOVEMENT THAT:

### Strengthens Communities

AmeriCorps unites diverse individuals and agencies in a common effort to improve our communities.

### Gets Things Done

AmeriCorps helps communities meet their needs through engaging in direct service in the fields of: education, public safety and disaster services, healthy futures, economic opportunities, veterans and military families and environmental stewardship.

### Builds Leaders

Through service and civic education, AmeriCorps members solve problems and motivate others to follow their example.

### Expands Horizons

Members learn new skills, receive valuable service experience and receive funds to further their education.

## WHY AMERICORPS?

### Getting Things Done

AmeriCorps is an opportunity to give something back to your community while learning about yourself and others.

North Carolina AmeriCorps members:

- tutor and mentor school-age youth.
- improve the quality of childcare for preschool children.
- assist individuals with disabilities in gaining employment.
- provide new North Carolinians with interpretation and translation services.
- protect farm land and enhance water quality

*"Consciously or unconsciously, everyone of us does render some service or another. If we cultivate the habit of doing this service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger, and it will make not only for our own happiness, but that of the world at large."*

— Mahatma Gandhi

### Benefits

In addition to the skills you gain and relationships you build as an AmeriCorps member, you may receive:

- Health Insurance
- Living Allowance
- Childcare (if applicable)

Upon completing their terms of service, members are granted a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, equivalent to the Pell Grant:

- \$5,500-Full-Time (1,700 hours)
- \$2,775-Part-Time (900 hours)
- \$2,114-Reduced Half-Time (675 hours)
- \$1,175-Minimum-Time (300 hours)

The Segal Education Award can be used to repay student loans or to finance college, graduate school or vocational training at qualified higher education institutions.

## HOW TO APPLY

Please review the descriptions of the AmeriCorps programs listed in this brochure. Contact the program that interests you for an application. If you have questions, contact Alicia Hartsfield, Deputy Executive Director/AmeriCorps Program Management Officer at the N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service.

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[www.volunteernc.org](http://www.volunteernc.org)

**Phone** (919) 715-3470 1-800-820-4483 or TTY: 1-877-877-1765  
This brochure is available in alternative formats upon request.

**Eligibility** To be eligible to enroll in AmeriCorps, you must:

- be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident alien.
- be at least 17 years of age.
- have a high school diploma, GED or obtain one while serving.

Official documentation to support why an individual is unable to obtain a high school diploma or GED can be submitted to waive this requirement.

**Individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.**

*"The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively."*

—Anonymous

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

## ACCESS (AmeriCorps Cross Cultural Education Service Systems)

26 Full-Time, 18 Half-Time, 16 Part-Time Education-Award-Only members provide English as a Second Language (ESL), citizenship education, interpretation, social services, case management, disaster preparedness and related services to immigrants and refugees. Member development includes professional interpreter training for bilingual members. Members receive an opportunity to earn a credential in cross-cultural human services through the UNCG Center for New North Carolinians. **Alamance, Chatham, Durham, Forsyth, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Orange and Wake counties**  
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 (336) 256-1060 (Khoun), (336) 256-1375 (Cynthia)  
 Fax (336) 334-5413  
 413 S. Edgeworth St., Greensboro, NC 27401  
**Grantee:** UNCG-Center for New North Carolinians

## Access JobLink

17 Full-Time and 6 Half-Time members serve at JobLink Career Centers and assist individuals with disabilities, at-risk youth, older adults, and former offenders with reaching their employment goals. **Johnston and Wake counties**  
**Contact:** Ashley Reams  
*ashley.reams@wakegov.com*  
 (919) 664-7965, Fax (919) 856-6038  
 2321 Crabtree Blvd., Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27604  
**Grantee:** Capital Area Workforce Development Board

## AmeriCorps and Children Together (ACT)

16 Full-Time members serve as assistant preschool teachers and enhance the quality of childcare by providing enrichment activities to the children and release time for teachers to further their studies in early childhood education. Member development includes NC Early Childhood Credentials 1 & 2 and a college-level course in early childhood or childcare. **Forsyth, Guilford, Harnett, Lee, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes and Surry counties**  
**Contact:** Katie Snow  
*ksnow@stokespfc.com*  
 (336) 985-2676 or (800) 559-5606, Fax (336) 985-3302  
 151 Jefferson Church Rd., Suite 104  
 P.O. Box 2319, King, NC 27021  
**Grantee:** Stokes Partnership for Children

## Carolina College Advising Corps

The Carolina College Advising Corps aims to increase the number of low income, first generation, and underrepresented North Carolina students entering and completing higher education. By hiring and training 18 Full-Time recent UNC-Chapel Hill graduates and placing them in underserved high schools across the state, the Carolina Corps will help students navigate college admissions and financial aid requirements and find their way to schools where they will thrive. **Alamance, Anson, Bertie, Caldwell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Guilford, Robeson, Rockingham, Scotland, Surry, Union and Warren counties**  
**Contact:** Donte McGuire  
*tdmcguire@unc.edu*  
 (919) 962-1429 (Business) or (336) 671-7366 (Mobile), Fax (919) 966-3626  
 Office of Undergraduate Admissions  
 University North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
 Jackson Hall, Campus Box 2200  
 153A Country Club Road  
 Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
**Grantee:** UNC-Chapel Hill

## NC ElderCare

20 Full-Time AmeriCorps members to improve to qualify of life for poor and frail seniors. The Members will serve as part of a community-based care team that will conduct home visits, while increasing the functional status of those they serve and enable them to remain safely in their homes. **Gaston and Lincoln counties**  
**Contact:** Robert Hewson  
*rhewson@n3cn.org*  
 (919) 745-2350, Fax (919) 745-2351  
 2300 Rexwoods Drive, Raleigh, NC 27607  
**Grantee:** North Carolina Community Network, Inc.

## North Carolina LiteracyCorps

The NC LiteracyCorps ENGAGE Project is a statewide group of AmeriCorps members working to increase literacy skills in adults, children, adolescents and English-language learners. 19 Full-Time, 4 Half-Time and 15 Minimum-Time Education-Award-Only members are placed at campuses and community-based literacy programs across the state to tutor and/or teach learners, recruit, train and manage volunteer tutors, and help organizations increase their capacity for service. **Alamance, Durham, Forsyth, Guilford, Orange, Mecklenburg, Moore, Wake and Wayne counties**  
**Contact:** Lynne Walter  
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 (919) 962-5470, Fax (919) 962-6020  
 SCALE: 101 East Weaver St., Suite 201, Carrboro, NC 27510  
**Grantee:** UNC-CH School of Education Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education (SCALE)

## Project Conserve

32 full-time members address critical conservation needs in Western North Carolina through their service with local environmental and conservation nonprofits. Project Conserve members focus on meeting unique needs in their communities, including protecting farm and natural lands, enhancing water quality, implanting energy conservation, and promoting healthy, local foods. Members educate and involve their communities in these issues by conducting environmental education and outreach activities, recruiting and coordinating volunteers for local conservation projects, and providing direct service to support key conservation initiatives. **Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey counties**  
**Contact:** Amy Stout  
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 (828) 697-5777, Fax (828) 697-2602  
 847 Case St., Hendersonville, NC 28792  
**Grantee:** Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy

## Project HEART (High Expectations For At-Risk Teens)

Project HEART is an academic coaching program that serves low performing students in 8 counties in Eastern North Carolina. The program housed on the East Carolina University campus, recruits Half-Time college students and Education-Award-Only high school seniors to serve as academic coaches for more than 2,500 middle, high school, and first-year college students. Fifty (50) Half-Time and 120 Education-Award-Only members provide tutoring, homework, and study skills sessions. In addition, coaches help students with time management, organization and goal setting. These sessions will help students succeed academically and graduate from high school and college. **Craven, Greene, Halifax, Martin, Nash, Pitt, Sampson and Wayne counties**  
**Contacts:** Betty Beacham, Charis Tucker, Kenneth Taylor Jr.  
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 (252) 328-4357, Fax (252) 328-1478  
 1914 W. Arlington Blvd., Mail Stop 636  
 Greenville, NC 27834  
**Grantee:** ECU College of Education

## Project POWER (Putting Opportunities Within Everyone's Reach)

25 Full-Time and 25 Half-Time Education-Award-Only members provide academic enrichment services to youth in grades K-12 in school and during after-school hours. Members also facilitate service learning and conflict resolution projects for students and recruit, train and manage volunteers to work with at-risk youth in the Asheville area. **Buncombe, Henderson, Haywood, Madison, McDowell and Mitchell counties**  
**Contact:** Tammy Capps  
*tammyc@childrenfirstbc.org*  
 (828) 259-9717, Fax (828) 281-3308  
 50 S. French Broad St., Suite 246 Asheville, NC 28801  
**Grantee:** Children First of Buncombe County

## T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Corps

14 Full-Time and 2 Full-Time Education-Award-Only members improve the quality of child care, working with children ages 0-5. Members provide educational release time for child care providers in an effort to improve/maintain a 4 or 5 star license status. The program provides the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Credential Scholarship, which results in members earning their NC Early Childhood Credential. **Durham, Orange and Wake counties**  
**Contacts:** Kelly Eppley and Allie Davis  
*americorps@childcareservices.org*  
 (919) 403-6950, Fax (919) 403-6959  
 1201 S. Briggs Ave., Suite 200, Durham, NC 27703  
**Grantee:** Child Care Services Association

## The Partnership to End Homelessness

5 Full-Time and 21 Half-Time members participate in a variety of activities aimed at restoring hope to the homeless in Guilford County. Members serve in emergency assistance: food, clothing and furniture distribution; transitional and permanent supportive housing case management for homeless youth, women in recovery, and disabled men; disability assistance, and life skills instruction. **Guilford County**  
**Contact:** Kathy Vohs  
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 (336) 275-8585 or (336) 644-3347, Fax (336) 370-1540  
 1312 Lexington Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403  
**Grantee:** The Servant Center, Inc.

## The Spirit of Excellence

25 Half-Time, 1 reduced Half-Time and 10 Minimum-Time Education-Award-Only members provide in-school and after-school one-on-one supplemental academic assistance using the Great Leaps curricula for students "at-risk" of academic failure. Members maintain a strong presence in the community by participating in service projects and collaborating with other community agencies that serve children. **Guilford County**  
**Contact:** Chris Wallace  
*cwallace@blackchilddevelopment.org*  
 (336) 230-2138, Fax (336) 574-2234  
 1200 E. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27401  
**Grantee:** Black Child Development Institute of Greensboro, Inc.

# PASSION

"I greatly value this experience with AmeriCorps and BCDI, and I am hopeful that I can continue to impact the students' lives as much as they have already impacted mine."

— The Spirit of Excellence Member, 2010 – 2011